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Client Reference: L3025 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: Confirmation Number: 8910  
STEFAN VERSECK, ET AL.  
Application No.: 10/593,357 Group Art Unit: 1637  
Filed: September 18, 2006 Examiner:  
Title: NITRILE HYDRATASES FROM METAGENOME LIBRARIES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2008, in connection with the above identified application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

The **Remarks** begin at **page 2**.

*Petition for Extension of Time:*

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to extend the time period for reply from September 7, 2008 to October 7, 2008. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 033975, Order No. 009848-0356700, for the requisite extension fee and any other fees due in connection with this submission.